



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
530 SOUTH KING STREET, ROOM 202
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3065
TELEPHONE: (808) 768-5010 • FAX: (808) 768-5011

JOEY MANAHAN
Councilmember District VII
(808) 768-5007
e-mail: jmanahan@honolulu.gov

3 October 2019

TO: COUNCIL CHAIR IKAIKA ANDERSON
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN 

SUBJECT: Travel Report on Travel to New York, New York for Climate Week 2019

For your information, attached is a travel report summarizing my participation in the Climate Week 2019 in New York, New York

If you have any questions regarding the report, you may call me at extension 85007 or email jmanahan@honolulu.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

Travel Report: *Climate Week 2019 in New York City, New York*

I attended Climate Week 2019 with over 350 events spanning through the week of September 23 to 29, 2019 with even more meetings and ceremonies leading up to the 23rd. The amount of events made it the biggest Climate Week yet with a range of diverse events from film screenings and panel discussions, to nature walks and theatre shows. Events were categorized into eleven different thematic areas to align with the themes of the United Nations Secretary General's Climate Action summit.

Political leaders from around the world, businesses, communities, and youth activists gathered at the world's biggest climate week event to discuss and demand and come forward with aggressive action to demand greater climate action.

When it comes to protecting our planet and combatting climate change, every person has a key role to play. Climate Week has been focused on driving climate action forward since 2009.

There were so many events hosted by businesses, states, cities, and other ambitious climate actors to showcase how they are shaping the future economy through climate forward initiatives and innovative solutions.

I had the opportunity to represent the City and County of Honolulu with other representatives from other counties as a State of Hawai'i delegation.

I was humbled to be invited to attend The Equator Prize. It was organized by the Equator Initiative within the United Nations Development Programme, is awarded biennially to recognize outstanding community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. These two groups were the first recipients of this prize selected from the United States.

I attended the United Nations 2nd High Level Local and Regional Government Forum and the High Level Island Event: "Island Values, Local Knowledge, Global Solutions: Catalyzing Partnerships for Implementation." The events discussed critical topics, including how island communities are the most vulnerable to intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, coral bleaching, droughts and extreme weather.

A resounding theme in this year's UN Climate Change Summit and associated events emphasized how Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Nature Based Solutions offer a powerful line of defense against harmful current and future environmental change. The two groups provide viable ways to store and reduce carbon emissions by changing the way we protect, manage, and restore our lands, waters and the ocean.

Hawai'i's locally and culturally driven approach to sustainability through the Aloha+ Challenge: measured through an open-data dashboard, inspired dialogue on island models to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and advance an island worldview. The Hawai'i contingent that attended Climate Change Week in New York City was comprised of statewide public, private and community representatives.

I also attended various events hosted by the New York Bar Association, Global Island Partnership and Local 2030 Islands Network, the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice, and the New York Community Trust.

Friday, September 20, 2019

- Arrived to NYC.
- Global Climate Strike NYC: To kick off Climate Week NYC, attendees along with the host of the week, The Climate Group, participated in the Global Climate Strike with Mayor Bill de Blasio, who thanked everyone that was active in Climate Week [NYC], and said: “For all the [young] people making a difference in the world, we need you more and more, we’ve got to save this planet and I believe in the Green New Deal and I believe in all of you.” Attendees and advocates were led by the youth to strike for transformative action be taken to address the climate crisis. We gathered at a transit accessible location at Foley Square in downtown Manhattan and took the streets to march while ending the march with a historical rally.

Saturday, September 21, 2019

- Attended the following workshops:
 - “Building United, Resilient Movements to End the Climate Emergency
 - “Eliminating the Effects of Racism on Our Work to Sustain All Life” (Part 1 at 4 West 43rd)

Sunday, September 22, 2019

- Attended the following workshops:
 - “Building a Resilient Future”
 - “Indigenous Solutions for Climate Change”
 - “Eliminating the Effects of Racism on Our Work to Sustain All Life” (Part 2 at The New School)
- Hawai‘i Hui Pau Hana at Empellon Al Pastor

Monday, September 23, 2019

- Attended the following workshop:
 - Education for Sustainable Development: Culture, Cities, and Communities for SDGs
- Opening Ceremony: At the Opening Ceremony on Monday, September 23, 2019, global leaders called for greater urgency and action:
 - Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón, President of the Government of Spain highlighted the urgent need to accelerate climate action, and announced that Spain has made

an ambitious commitment of phasing out fossil fuels by 2050, with a 20% reduction of emissions by 2030.

- Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark discussed their goals to reduce emissions by 70% by 2030.
- McKinsey & Company was the Opening Ceremony Knowledge Partner; Dickon Pinner, Senior Partner at McKinsey & Company discussed how they view and address climate change as a "massive capital formation and allocation question."
- President Alvarado Quesada of Costa Rica said: "We need business to be a part of this with the same confidence and clarity the younger generation are providing the world now. I don't see a greater challenge or risk as the climate crisis – for our generation, for my generation, and for my son's generation."
- Governor Newsom of California and Governor Inslee of Washington State, both members of the Under2 Coalition for which The Climate Group is Secretariat, highlighted that despite the U.S. federal government's inaction on climate change, states are leading the way to drive policies that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in line with science, such as those that promote renewable electricity, zero emissions vehicles, smart buildings, and agriculture, while improving their economies and creating jobs for the future.
- Other high-level speakers at the Opening Ceremony also included Charlene Lake, Senior Vice President of AT&T; Isabelle Kocher, CEO of ENGIE Group; Nancy Mahon, Senior Vice President, Global Corporate Citizenship and Sustainability of Estée Lauder Companies; Steve Kukoda, ICA Vice President; and Alan Jope, CEO of Unilever, who announced last week that Unilever is using 100% renewable energy on five continents.

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

- Attended the following workshops:
 - "How to Build a Sustainable City"
 - Including a film screening and discussion on "Sustainable Cities: Building a Greener Memphis"
 - "Sustaining Ourselves as Activists and Organizers"
 - "Second High Level Local and Regional Governments Forum on the 2030 Agenda."
 - "Climate of Opportunity: Innovation and Urgency in Climate Change"
- The Equator Prize 2019 Award Ceremony

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

- SDG Business Forum
- Attended the following workshops:

- “Pakikinigang Magkapwa: Sharing Our Stories to Build, Unite, and Sustain Our Communities Toward Climate Resiliency and Justice.”
 - “A New Economy and People of Color in the Forefront of Change”
- The Global Pact for the Environment and the Sustainable Development Agenda

Thursday, September 26, 2019

- Climate Strong Islands Dialogue, all-day event where island economies like the State of Hawai‘i was well-represented.

Friday, September 27, 2019

- The Climate Crisis, Global Land Use, and Human Rights
- Attended the following workshops:
 - “Bringing Labor and Climate Justice Movements Together for a Sustainable Future”

Saturday, September 28, 2019

- After the Climate Strong Islands Dialogue, there was a debriefing meeting with island economies with the Hawai‘i delegation and the Mayors from Curacao as well as Siargao, Philippines
- Mayor of Siargao, Philippines held a talk at New York University. In his municipal role, he is unable to get climate assistance from the Philippines federal government and often receives assistance from the United Nations.

Sunday, September 29, 2019

- Departed NYC



From left: United Nations Headquarters, seal and flags with Council Member Joey Manahan (City and County of Honolulu), Environmental Coordinator Makale'a Ane (County of Maui), United Nations representative, Council Member Villegas (County of Hawai'i), Sustainability Coordinator Danielle Bass (State of Hawai'i)







City Council
City and County of Honolulu

CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 10/3/2019

Traveler: JOEY MANAHAN
Event: CLIMATE WEEK 2019
Location: NEW YORK CITY
Dates: From 9/19/2019 To 9/29/2019

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare	<u>\$806.20</u> ✓	
3. Hotel	<u>5462.30</u> ✓	
4. Meals	<u>586.13</u> ✓	
5. Ground Transportation	<u>\$379.22</u> ✓	
6. Tips		
7. Other	<u>\$38.00</u>	<u>Day declining</u>
Other	<u>\$1.15</u>	<u>Stamp from United Nations</u>
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	<u>\$8,023.83</u>	
	<u>7683.85</u> ✓	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:


Signature of Traveler

10/3/2019
Date